

TERRE HAUTE

A LEVEL ABOVE

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Sergeant Dale Russel Griffin was born on August 16, 1980 and throughout his life, gave 110% to everything he did; and
- WHEREAS: he was a 1999 graduate of Terre Haute South Vigo High School, where he was captain of the wrestling team, football team and member of the South Show Choir; and
- WHEREAS: he attended the Virginia Military Institute where he received a full scholarship; and
- WHEREAS: Sergeant Griffin enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 2005, where he served in the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, and 2nd Infantry Division; and
- WHEREAS: he was a certified Stryker Vehicle Commander, was studying two foreign languages and was completing his finance degree at St. Martin's University in Seattle; and
- WHEREAS: Sergeant Dale Griffin gave his life while serving our country in Afghanistan on October 27th, 2009; and
- WHEREAS: Serving one's country is a most noble calling and Sergeant Griffin answered that call with pride, courage, and valor; and
- WHEREAS: On this Veterans Day, we remember him for his bravery, generous spirit and willingness to protect the citizens of the United States of America.
- NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A. Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 11, 2009 as a day of honor for:

SERGEANT DALE RUSSEL GRIFFIN

in the City of Terre Haute, and invite all citizens to join me in honoring him and all those who are currently serving or have previously served this great country in order to defend our freedom.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Duke A. Bennett", is written over a horizontal line.

Duke A. Bennett, Mayor